

Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out

Sunday, February 14, 2021

*If you will not do so you have sinned against the Lord
and **be sure your sin will find you out.**
Numbers 32:23*

*“Those of you who have seen me in public have no idea what I’m like in private, God does. God does. And I encourage you today to make that commitment and say, ‘I’m going to be the man in private who will receive the divine accolade, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”’”
Ravi Zacharias*

1. **You are not above anything given the right (or wrong) circumstances.**

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.
1 Corinthians 10:12*

One of RZIM’s leaders said:

“I feel a profound sense of the fear of the Lord, knowing that one day I too will give an account, where like the RZ report, everything done under the shroud of darkness will be made known. Jesus comes to restore justice through judgment. Oh, how I wish Ravi repented here!”

2. **Neither is anyone else.**

A statement from the RZIM board read in part:

“We have fallen gravely short and we regret that we allowed our misplaced trust in Ravi to result in him having less oversight and accountability than would have been wise and loving.”

The investigation did not find any evidence that RZIM leadership or staff knew about Zacharias's sexual misconduct. It also shows the ministry provided little to no accountability for its namesake and founder. "Because his need for massage treatments was well known and accepted, he was able to hide his misconduct in plain sight," the report says.

Zacharias spoke about the importance of "physical safeguards" to "protect my integrity," but the Miller & Martin report notes that "As the architect of those 'physical safeguards,' Mr. Zacharias well knew how to elude them."

3. We have a responsibility to hold one another accountable.

Dan Paterson, the former head of RZIM in Australia, wrote on Facebook Wednesday night:

"I feel disappointed in myself and others who could have pushed harder against the tides of submissive loyalty to demand better answers earlier, as there is no part of the evangelical creed that honors cowardice or sacrifices conscience,"

*Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:1-2*

4. We must submit to accountability

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
Jeremiah 17:9*

What are you doing to His name?

*If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9*